

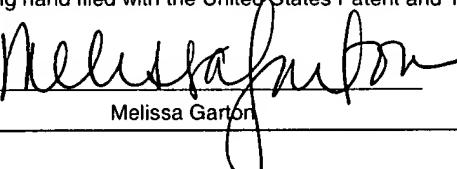


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002 for which a response was due on January 17, 2003 and has been extended in the attached petition to February 19, 2003 (February 17, 2003 being a Federal Holiday and February 18, 2003 the Federal Government closed due to inclement weather).